

To: Zito, Kelly[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]; Keener, Bill[Keener.Bill@epa.gov]
Cc: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Calanog, Steve
Sent: Wed 9/23/2015 8:27:42 PM
Subject: Fw: Winter Discharge Treatment

Kelly/Bill - The coordination of this PR was a bit awkward - I was included in at least two strings emails and phone calls - with the RA in Denver and the PIOs in Durango and DC.

Since the NN is in our area of responsibility I'd like bounce my suggestion off of you.

Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

Here is an email list of what I believe to be all the officials on the NN that we should notify:

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rmwhitehair@gmail.com

hcleveland@navajo-nsn.gov

ninachester@navajo-nsn.gov

Personal Email/Ex. 6

dnrpr@navajo-nsn.gov

mihiomanus@gmail.com

donnbenn@navajo-nsn.gov

ebranch@nndoj.org

Let me know how you want to proceed with this.

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:29 PM

To: Calanog, Steve
Subject: Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

Thanks Steve!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 23, 2015, at 1:28 PM, Calanog, Steve <Calanog.Steve@epa.gov> wrote:

I've notified the NN

v/r
Steve Calanog
Federal On-Scene Coordinator
US EPA Region IX

415-595-8350

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 23, 2015, at 1:27 PM, Russo, Rebecca <Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov> wrote:

Region 9 has been handling all Navajo notifications thus far, so I'm sure it's being handled.

Rebecca A. Russo

Region 8 Congressional and Intergovernmental Liaison

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From: Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 1:12 PM
To: McGrath, Shaun; StClair, Christie
Cc: Russo, Rebecca; Calanog, Steve
Subject: RE: Winter Discharge Treatment

I will forward to the NN contacts on the GKM call-down list. Rebecca may be at the Oil & Gas hearing in R8.

Laura Jenkins

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From: McGrath, Shaun

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:52 PM

To: StClair, Christie

Cc: Russo, Rebecca; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Calanog, Steve

Subject: RE: Winter Discharge Treatment

Adding Rebecca and Laura and Steve

Was Navajo Nation included? If not, can someone please get out asap?

From: StClair, Christie

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:48 PM

To: McGrath, Shaun

Subject: Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

Shaun, didn't see NN under R8 or R6's notifications. Do you know who is handling?

Christie St. Clair

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On Sep 23, 2015, at 2:31 PM, "McGrath, Shaun" <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov> wrote:

All,

We are cleared to move forward.

Rebecca, please commence the notifications of elected officials.

Laura, at 1:30 MST, issue the release to the media.

Thanks,

Shaun

From: StClair, Christie

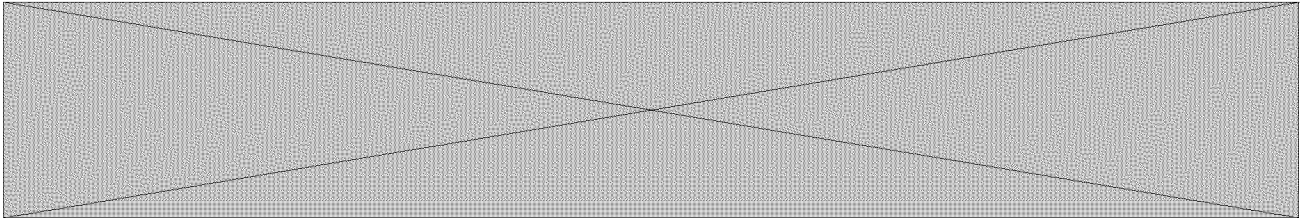
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 9:25 AM

To: Gray, David; McGrath, Shaun; Deitz, Randy

Cc: Purchia, Liz; Distefano, Nichole; Ostrander, David; Braun, Richard; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas; Ackerman, Joyce; Vaught, Laura; Calanog, Steve; Card, Joan; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Russo, Rebecca; Hull, George; Smith, Roxanne

Subject: Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

All - Here is the final, formatted press release. Once Shaun green-lights, we'll leave an hour for notifications and then send the release to our GKM distribution list + post on the GKM site.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Sept. 23, 2015

EPA Announces Gold King Mine Water Treatment System for Winter 2015-16

(Washington, DC) -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today that a portable, temporary treatment system will be located in Gladstone, CO (elevation 10,500ft) to continue treating water discharged from the Gold King Mine during winter 2015-16. This system will replace temporary settling ponds constructed by the EPA in August 2015.

The transition to the portable treatment system is necessary as local winter temperatures can reach -20F, making it unsafe to manually treat water at the mine site. The schedule calls for the treatment system to be operational by Oct. 14, 2015. EPA's contractor, ER LLC, awarded a subcontract Sept. 22, 2015 to Alexco Environmental Group (US) Inc. to complete the work.

This system will treat the approximately 550 gallons per minute (gpm) of water that continue to flow from the mine, including the discharges related to ongoing work in the mine to stabilize conditions. The system is designed to handle up to 1,200 gpm. The objective of the treatment system is to neutralize the mine discharge and remove solids and metals. Although the Gold king Mine discharge is just one of many into Cement Creek, the treatment will remove a portion of the metal loading to Cement Creek.

The EPA continues to evaluate data to determine the impact of the Gold King Mine on water quality.

Additional information about EPA's Gold King Mine response: www.epa.gov/goldkingmine

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Christie St. Clair

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